

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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**RESOLUTION #4606
CONCERNING THE GAME DAY EXPERIENCE PARKING PLAN**

SPONSORED BY:

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IN COLLABORATION WITH: Resident Hall Association and National Resident Hall Honorary

ENDORSED BY: Andy Auer, Senator Pride Resource Center; External Affairs Committee; Clayton King, Chair University Facilities Fee Advisory Board; Justin Pyfrom, Senator College of Agricultural Science; Josh Williams, Officer of Governmental Affairs; CVMBS College Council; Warner College Council; Lily Ruiz, Senator College of Health and Human Sciences; Academic Village Events Crew, Engineering College Council, Connor Cheadle, Senator College of Engineering; Undeclared Leadership Council; Tess Holohan Senator College of Agricultural Science; Liam Aubrey Senator College of Business;

ABSTRACT: The purpose of this resolution is to inform the Game Day Experience Committee and the University Administration of the deep discontent with the proposed game day experience parking proposal. This resolution illustrates the various reasons why the proposed parking plan is deeply flawed and offers a student endorsed counterproposal that best suits all parties involved.

WHEREAS:

The Game Day Experience Committee has proposed a parking plan that requires students living in on-campus residence halls to relocate on Friday nights to one of three lots—the Westfall lot, the East side track lot, or the South Campus lot—and return their vehicles on Sunday nights; and,

WHEREAS:

The Game Day Experience Committee has proposed game day traffic to utilize North Meridian Avenue to access lots; and,

WHEREAS:

The proposed parking plan is inappropriate to students living within the residence halls adding inconvenience, by forcing students to spend substantially more time diverted from academic

studies or other weekend obligations, further creating a negative value statement of our students; and,

WHEREAS:

In addition to the distractions from residence hall students moving their vehicles to accommodate the proposed parking plan, students will also have added distractions and risks from the drinking taking place on campus and near residence halls; and,

WHEREAS:

The proposed parking plan is counter-productive to the Athletic Department's aims of increasing student engagement—by establishing a pattern of disregarding students' needs for those of the Athletic Department, driving a wedge between students and the Athletics Department which may lead to on-campus students leaving campus altogether on game days—defeating one rationale for building the stadium on campus; and,

WHEREAS

The Associated Students of Colorado State University recognizes the essential contributions to this University provided by Alumni and donors; and,

WHEREAS

The Associated Students of Colorado State University recognizes that the Re-Park program is a well vetted proposal that is the most viable solution to the Game Day parking problem. As such, we support working toward a compromise that both recognizes the season ticket holders and the needs of students who live on campus; and,

WHEREAS

Efforts have been made to work toward a compromise in the last several weeks, and these efforts should be supported by both ASCSU and the Game Day Experience Committee; and,

WHEREAS

Safety issues that may be presented with the various Game Day Experience programs, including the Re-Park program, should be fully addressed before Opening Day; and,

WHEREAS:

Students should be considered season ticket holders as well given the \$5.7 million subsidy students pay in fees to receive free tickets for every home game (FY 2017 SFRB dollar amount); and,

WHEREAS:

The proposed plan has logistical challenges for both CSUPD and FCPS in organizing the estimated 8,500 vehicles coming onto campus and into the residence hall lots; and,

WHEREAS:

The proposed plan creates additional challenges for students with mobility issues living in the residence halls; and,

WHEREAS:

The proposed plan goes against the University's sustainability goals and the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Fort Collins by not promoting growth and development of multi-modal transportation to the stadium; and,

WHEREAS:

The rationale of the current parking proposal based on other schools does not necessarily follow that we must implement a similar plan when other universities with more robust football programs utilize satellite parking facilities and shuttles avoiding the use of residence hall such as the University of Minnesota, the University of Kansas, and the University of Notre Dame; and,

WHEREAS:

The proposed parking plan requires game day traffic to utilize North Meridian Avenue which runs between the Ram Town area, Concert Stage, and the Student Tailgating Beer garden which increases the risk of vehicle-on-pedestrian interactions; and,

WHEREAS:

Colorado State University and New Belgium Brewery has partnered together to create the New Belgium Brewery Party deck in the stadium; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The Game Day Experience Committee and the CSU Administration take under serious consideration the following counterproposal to the current "Re-Park" program.

1. The North Side residence hall parking lots of Parmelee and Allison Halls are reserved for on-campus residents, and are available to south side students who are able to take open spots.
2. Access to the Re-Park lot on South Campus be increased for students who need to move their vehicle to that location. This access should include safety considerations and features and be accessible for students with disabilities.
3. Students who are required to move their vehicle to make room for the donors who hold season tickets are compensated for their troubles with a meal voucher to be used at the stadium on Game Day.
4. That Alumni be made explicitly aware of the Re-Park program, and the details pertaining thereto, including that students will be required to sacrifice the spot where their vehicle is currently parked for CSU home football games; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

That Resources for Disabled Students, Parking Services, Housing and Dining, and the Game Day Experience Committee work together to allow any student to make a request through RDS to be excluded from the Re-Park plan; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Regardless of the outcome of the Re-Park program or upon possible consideration of these alternatives, from the time students have to remove their cars until they have to retrieve their car that a form of transportation be provided on a regular and reliable timeframe basis.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Game Day Experience Committee and the Administration take under serious consideration a partnership between the university and New Belgium to create a bicycling event on game days that adds a unique feature to the CSU Game Day Experience, fosters multi-modal transportation, creates a community experience, and encourages student engagement; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Athletics and University Advancement present to the 47th Senate Body at most three weeks after the conclusion of the final home game of the 2017 football season to report the analysis of the Re-Park program; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this legislation be sent to Tony Frank, President of Colorado State University; Joe Parker, Director of Athletics; the Board of Governors of Colorado State University; the Game Day Experience Committee; David Bradford, Director Parking and Transportation Services; Maggie Marsh, President Residence Hall Association; and Tori Tubbs, President National Residence Hall Honorary.

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